

Eckman, Lt. Madeline of San Francisco

ONE OF BATAAN ANGELS, KNOWN HERE, ARRIVES HOME SAFELY

The Angels of Bataan—army nurses who, lived through the hell of the Japanese occupation of the Philippines—arrived home Thursday. Fifty-four of them, including Lieutenant Madeline Eckman of San Francisco, arrived in air transport command hospital planes at Hamilton Field. A convoy of sedans whisked them away to Letterman General hospital at the Presidio, San Francisco. There they were hospitalized to determine if they were strong enough to stand the strain of the welcome they received as they reached their homes.

The nurses were liberated by U. S. forces that stormed on Luzon and entered Manila. Lt. Eckman's liberation was an especially joyful one, for among the American troops at Manila was her brother, Pvt. Paul Eck-

man of the 43d engineers. His presence added to the joy of liberation for the army nurse.

The arrival of Lt. Eckman from Bataan is of interest here where she is well known. Mrs. Christine Barry, who resides with her son Bob Barry, recognized the picture of the army nurse in a San Francisco paper yesterday and was happy to learn of her return.

Lt. Eckman and Mrs. Barry's daughter, Miss Eleanor Barry, trained and graduated as nurses from the Merritt hospital in Oakland, where Eleanor is now on special duty. Lt. Eckman was also a members of the Merritt hospital staff when she enlisted in the service. She kept in touch with Miss Barry before the fall of Bataan. Anxious about her safety it was happy news to learn that she has arrived safely in her own country. Awaiting to greet the army hero nurse is Miss Barry and many friends in the east bay hospital where she long served.

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Lt. Madeline Eckmann, who arrived at Hamilton Field Saturday with the liberated nurses of Bataan, is a niece of Fred Eckman of 1 street extension and the cousin of Staff Sgt. Donald Eckmann, now stationed in San Diego; Ensign Lewis Eckmann of the navy air force, stationed in Florida; and Edna Mae Baldwin, of Santa Rosa.

There was a thrilling meeting between the army nurse and her brother, Pvt. Paul Eckmann, in Manila and again when she met her other brother Sgt. Henry Eckmann in Honolulu. Among those who greeted her were the Dr. Kaurss family who had entertained her while she was stationed in Honolulu, prior to her going to Bataan.

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